

Exercise CASTLE QUEST 01-06
19-20 October 2005
Exercise Minutes

1. Exercise CASTLE QUEST 01-06 was conducted in the HQ USACE Command Conference Room 19-20 October. The exercise was hosted by the USACE Directorate of Research and Development and chaired by BG Bo Temple, USACE Director of Military Programs.
2. These minutes complement the exercise slide presentations and attendee list, distributed under separate cover during the exercise and found at www.hq.usace.army.mil/cerd/ under the Castle Quest button on the left.
3. Attendees included Commanders of the 412th and 416th ENCOMs, USAES Assistant Commandant, USACE Division commanders, Deputy Commanders and staff, Sister Service representatives, and Interagency representatives.
4. Exercise CASTLE QUEST 01-06 was the first in a continuing exercise program to rapidly develop USACE participation in Stability Operations, specifically CSA Task Force Stability and Reconstruction Operations Initiatives 23 and 24:
 - a. Initiative 23: Establish Theater Engineer element and the processes needed to plan, train, and deploy capabilities in support of ~~UEy~~ (CSA recently changed to nomenclature back to ASCC).
 - b. Initiative 24: Designate the USACE Director of Military Operations to lead efforts, to institutionalize and improve the responsiveness and readiness of civilian capabilities to mobilize in support of ~~UEy~~ (CSA recently changed to nomenclature back to ASCC).
5. A Read-Ahead packet, located at the exercise web site, was distributed to all participants and observers. The packet was based loosely on the Unified Quest 05 scenario. UQ05 was used as the exercise foundation in order to tie CQ01-06 to an existing exercise and to use CQ01-06 results to provide inputs to UQ06 development. The UQ05 tactical scenario did not figure prominently into open forum discussions.
6. A Senior Leaders Rehearsal was conducted on 18 October in order to prepare the HQ USACE staff for exercise participation the following day.
7. Three freeze frames using 7 Master Scenario Event List (MSEL) inputs were used to orient the open forum discussions. Freeze frame scenarios and MSEL events can be viewed at the exercise web site.
8. The Maneuver Support Center (MANSCEN) Battle Lab provided two ORSA representatives, who conducted three surveys to gather data beyond the scope of the open forum discussion. The analysis will be delivered to USACE NLT 14 Nov 2005.
9. A set of Initial Themes, located at the CQ01-06 web site, was developed from a quick initial review of the MANSCEN surveys and the open discussion notes. The Initial Themes constitute

the exercise results until the delivery of the MANSCEN report scheduled for 14 November and the Technical Report scheduled for delivery by SAIC on 16 December. These initial themes were briefed to all attendees at the Hotwash immediately following exercise termination and again the following day, 21 October, at the VTC Hotwash for outlying commands who were unable to attend the actual exercise. Initial Themes are located at the exercise web site.

10. Exercise CASTLE QUEST 01-06 provided an excellent venue for the first in a continuing exercise program that will flesh out the details of the myriad issues identified during both the open forum discussions and the MANSCEN surveys.

11. Initiatives 23 and 24 appear to be about right and will be presented to the GOSC in mid November. We will transition initiatives 23 and 24 to a Project Development Team (PDT) by the end of November 2005 for action. The PDT will develop a draft Project Management Plan that lays out the actions/issues and milestones to bring Readiness XXI to fruition by December 2005.

12. Exercise CASTLE QUEST 01-06 is one element in the larger development of future USACE capability. Other elements identified in conjunction with CQ01-06 are:

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| a. 14 November | MANSCEN analysis due |
| b. 17/18 November | GOSC (TBD) |
| c. 29 November | DAS Update |
| d. NLT 1 December | PDT formed |
| e. 16 December | CQ 01-06 Technical Report due |
| f. January '06 | FDU Jr |
| g. Spring '06 | CQ 02-06 |
| h. May '06 | UQ 06 |
| i. Aug/Sep '06 | CQ 03-06 |

13. Conclusions:

- a. CQ01-06 provided the correct forum and attendees to identify the issues that must be addressed in order to meet the requirements of Initiatives 23 and 24.
- b. CQ01-06 results will provide significant inputs to the development of UQ06.
- c. Channels of communications were opened with those offices and staff members who will be directly involved with the development of Initiatives 23 and 24.
- d. Future CASTLE QUEST exercises will continue the process started in CQ01-06.

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